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REQUEST FOR EXAMINER AMENDMENT

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Dear Commissioner:

In reply to the Examiner's phone call on September 17, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows via Examiner amendment:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.

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Applicants state the Examiner for continuing Applicants' request on September 11, 2008. The Examiner indicated that the claims have allowable subject matter, but the Examiner requested that subject matter similar to claim 7 be incorporated into the independent claims. The Examiner also requested support for amendments related to the inclusion. As discussed, Applicants request the Examiner to enter the above amendments. *is Examiner*
amendments.

Applicants cannot claim 2 and 7 without prejudice to filing now in more classes having similar subject matter.

Applicants assert that metadata is a very well-known term for disclosing, where to access data, how to access data, instructions for retrieving data, protocols for accessing data and location identifiers. As set forth in Wikipedia (emphasis added): "metadata is 'data about other data', a key term in any media. Metadata is text, value, or image that describes what the audience wants or needs to see or experience. The audience could be a person, group or software program. Metadata is important because it aids in identifying and finding the actual data. An item of metadata may describe an individual datum, or several items, or a collection of data including multiple content items and hierarchical levels, such as a database schema. In data processing, metadata provides information about, or documentation of, other data managed within an application or system environment. This commonly defines the structure or schema of the primary data. For example, metadata would document data about data elements or attributes, names, size, data type, etc.) and data about records or data structures (length, fields, columns, etc.) and data about data (where it is located, how it is associated, ownership, etc.). Metadata may include descriptive information about the context, quality and condition, or characteristics of the data. It may be recorded with high or low granularity."

Applicants assert that, along with the above definitions, the claimed uses of metacell are adequately supported in the following paragraph (emphasis added):

0044 After receiving the request, server computer 16 pulls or otherwise contacts data sources 20, 22, and 24 to obtain the answer data for the user's request (step 34). Server computer 16 conditions the data and can store it (step 36). Server computer 16 can also, for example, maintain in order to determine how to log and release the account data. In particular, a relationship can be defined between the user's request attributes and

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sources, and target data sources to ensure the integrity of the account data report returned to the user.

0022 Moreover, although the invention is frequently described herein as being implemented with TCP/IP communications protocols, it will be readily understood that the invention could also be implemented using IPX, AppleTalk, IP 6, NetBIOS, OSI or any number of existing or future protocols.

0023 A variety of conventional communications media and protocols may be used for data links.

0031 One skilled in the art may also appreciate that, for security reasons, any databases, systems, or components of the present invention may include any combination of databases or components at a single location or at multiple locations, wherein each database or system includes any of various suitable security features, such as firewalls, access codes, encryption, decryption, and/or the like.

Respectfully submitted,

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